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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 8".

Claim 11, line 1, delete "or 6".

Claim 12, line, 1, delete "or 6".

Claim 13, line 1, delete "or 6".

Please add the following new claims.

19. A connector according to claim 8, wherein an upper plate is attached for a topside space that appears when two or more adjacent connectors fitting said electronic modules therein are coupled with each other.

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